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**MEC LAUNCHES SIYAZENZELA (EPWP DOMESTIC WASTE MANAGEMENT PROJECT) IN LADYSMITH.**

KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Bheki Cele will officiate at the launch of *Siyazenzela*- EPWP Domestic Waste Management Project on Friday (23-01-2009). The event will start at 09:00am at St Chads Sports Ground, Ladysmith.

*Siyazenzela (EPWP Domestic Waste Management Project)* was introduced in 2007 after Mr. Bheki Cele and other delegates had visited Curitiba, Brazil and discovered a community-based waste management project. He came back to South Africa and introduced the concept to municipalities in KZN and it was adopted.

Unemployed community members assist various municipalities by collecting waste and they are rewarded with food parcels. In the Ladysmith region, thus far 60 people have been identified to benefit from this project.

"We, as the government are committed to bettering the lives of our people at all levels of society. *Siyazenzela* not only assists with keeping town clean, poverty is also alleviated thus reducing the crime rate," said Cele.

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